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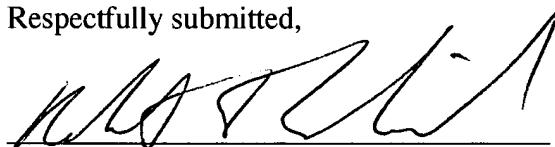
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Respectfully submitted,



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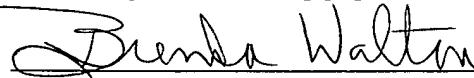
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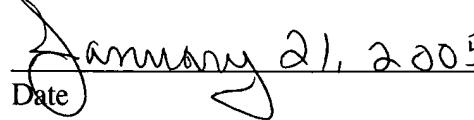
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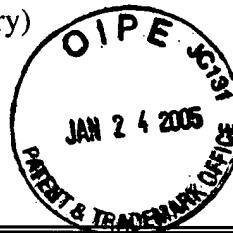
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	2-23969	02/16/90	Japan	B25C	1/00		X
	7-17477	03/28/95	Japan	B25C	1/00	(Abstract)	
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